

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1097 without my signature.

I am generally supportive of using a competitive process for public works projects, however, this bill imposes restrictions on lease-leaseback contracts that could limit competition, inadvertently limit flexibility for schools, and drive higher administrative costs, thereby potentially increasing the overall cost of building school facilities.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger